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FLORIDA
Employment Trends

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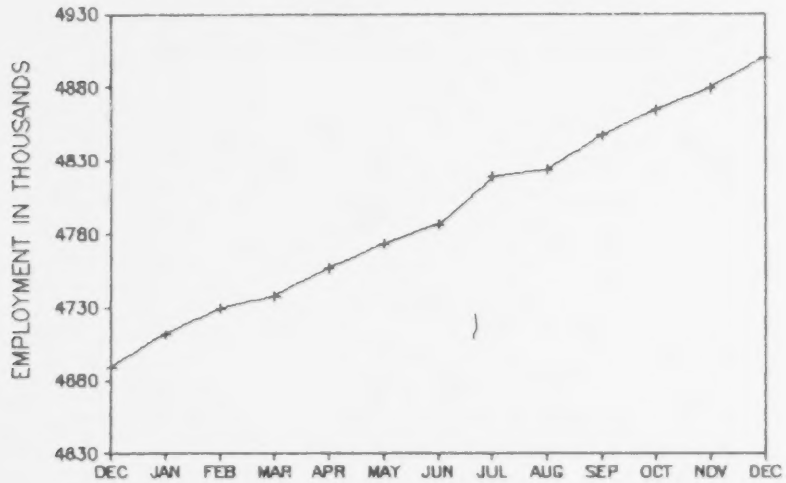
HIGHLIGHTS:

* Nonagricultural employment in Florida grew by a healthy annual rate of 4.5 percent or 210,800 new jobs to reach a total of 4,899,700 in December. Florida's job growth rate remained as the fastest of the nation's most populous states.
* Trade, government, and services were Florida's fastest growing industrial sectors in December. These 3 industries accounted for almost 85.0 percent of the new jobs in the state.
* Manufacturing and construction employment have shown signs of recovery since fall 1987. Declines in the value of the U.S. dollar and in interest rates have contributed to these gains.
* Florida's unemployment rate of 5.2 percent in December was 0.6 percentage points below the national rate of 5.8 percent. Jobless Floridians numbered 312,000 partly due to the inmigration of job seekers. Unemployment rates have declined in Florida since 1984 following the 1981-82 recession.
* Next month's issue will feature newly revised (benchmarked) nonagricultural employment data for 1986-1987:1. Preliminary analysis shows that job growth in Florida was stronger than previous estimates have shown.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED, DECEMBER 1986-DECEMBER 1987



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OVERALL JOB GROWTH: December's seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment grew by 4.5 percent or 210,800 new jobs to reach 4,899,700. As can be seen on the front page graph, total nonagricultural employment in Florida has grown on a strong, steady pace over the last twelve months. The preliminary annual average job growth rate for 1987 is 4.6 percent. Newly benchmarked data will be provided in next month's issue with revisions for both 1986 and 1987. Preliminary analysis shows that estimates for 1987 are low and that the data soon to be released will be revised up for 1987.

The fastest growing employment sectors in Florida during December were trade (5.8 percent), government (5.7 percent), and services (5.2 percent). Those industries growing slower than the statewide average were finance, insurance, and real estate (3.0 percent); manufacturing (2.4 percent); transportation, communications, and public utilities (1.9 percent); construction (1.3 percent); and mining (1.0 percent). All industrial sectors in Florida have experienced positive growth in December compared to one year ago.

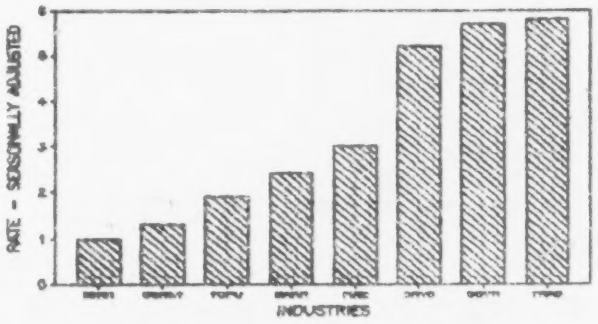
HIGH GROWTH INDUSTRIES: Trade was Florida's largest (1,341,400) and fastest growing (5.8 percent) industry in December. It also gained the highest number of new jobs over the year (73,500). Most of the gains in employment were in the subsectors of eating and drinking places; general merchandise stores; and miscellaneous retail stores. Trade employment trends generally follow population and income growth in the state. Trade in December accounted for over 27.0 percent of total jobs in Florida.

Services was Florida's second largest (1,309,200) and third fastest growing (5.2 percent) industry in December. It also gained the second highest number of new jobs (64,800) behind only trade. Most of the employment gains were in the subsectors of business services and health services. Examples of business services include advertising; credit reporting and collection agencies; mail, reproduction, commercial art and photography, and stenographic services; building cleaning, maintenance, and pest control services; equipment rental and leasing services; computer-related services; and security services. Services employment (like trade) generally responds to population/business growth and gains in income. Services jobs accounted for almost 27.0 percent of total nonagricultural employment in December.

Government was the second fastest (5.7 percent) growing sector in December compared to a year ago. The number of new jobs over the year was 40,000 reaching a total employment level of 745,900 in December. Almost 62.0 percent of the growth was in the subsector of local government responding to gains in education employment. State government employment historically has grown at a slow pace but has exhibited recent gains related to legislative mandates for the Departments of Lottery and Revenue. Over 27.0 percent of the new jobs in government were in the subsector of state government. Total government jobs in the State of Florida accounted for just over 15.0 percent of total employment in December.

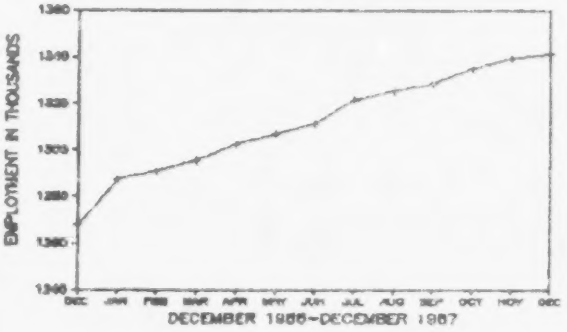
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT GROWTH RATES

DECEMBER 1986–DECEMBER 1987



NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

TRADE, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



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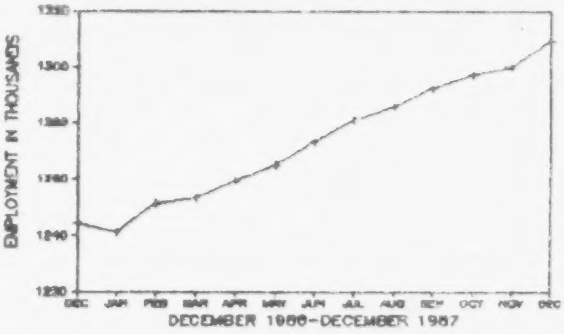
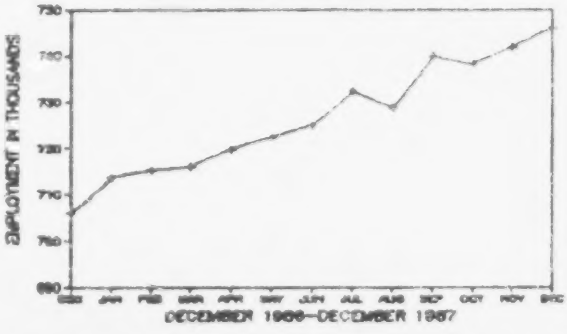


NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

GOVERNMENT, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



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STEADY/SLOW GROWTH INDUSTRIES: Finance, insurance, and real estate grew at a steady pace of 3.0 percent or 10,400 new jobs to reach a total of 359,900 in December. Although this industry experienced strong growth in January 1987 through July 1987, it has slowed its pace since then. This could be the result of earlier cutbacks in housing and uncertainties related to financial deregulation and the stock market drop last October. Banking has experienced the least growth in this sector while credit agencies and insurance carriers have recorded the highest gains in employment. Finance, insurance, and real estate accounts for just over 7.0 percent of total jobs in Florida.

Transportation, communications, and public utilities grew by 1.9 percent or 4,800 new jobs to reach 255,000 in December. This industry has experienced some erratic growth in the past due to strikes, deregulation, and layoffs. Since October 1987 job gains have rebounded to some degree. Most of the new jobs from this industry were in trucking and warehousing; public utilities; and water transportation. Job losses have been recorded for transportation by air and railroad transportation. Although this industry would also respond to general population growth, improvements in technology/productivity may limit job growth to some degree. These jobs accounted for just over 5.0 percent of total employment.

VOLATILE INDUSTRIES: Manufacturing employment has been experiencing a slight rebound in growth since July 1987. In December, factory jobs increased by 2.4 percent or 12,600 new jobs to reach a total level of 551,400. Annual growth rates had been closer to the 1.7-1.9 percent range. Although manufacturing employment responds to national economic conditions, it is generally felt that the current pick-up is the result of the lower value of the U.S. dollar--lowering the price of our exported manufacturing goods. Florida's subsectors experiencing job gains were printing and publishing; rubber and plastics products; furniture and fixtures; and stone, clay, and glass products. Manufacturing's largest subsector continues to be electrical and electronic equipment. Manufacturing jobs accounted for just under 11.0 percent of total employment. Although factory jobs are at an all time high in Florida, its percentage of total employment has dropped slightly due to the phenomenal growth in trade and services.

Construction employment has shot back up since September 1987. It grew over the year by 1.3 percent or 4,600 new jobs to reach 347,100 in December. Construction has regained all the jobs lost previously in 1987. Most of the new jobs over the year were recorded in the subsector of heavy construction contractors. Some of this rebound could be in response to slightly lower interest rates and increased public-sector construction. Employment in the construction industry accounted for just over 7.0 percent of total jobs in the state.

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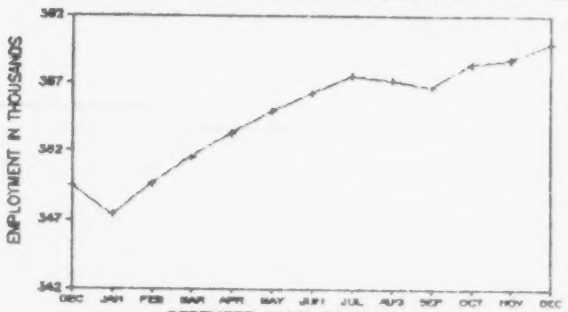
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED



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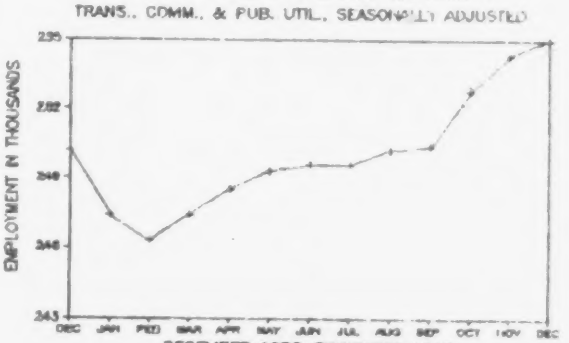

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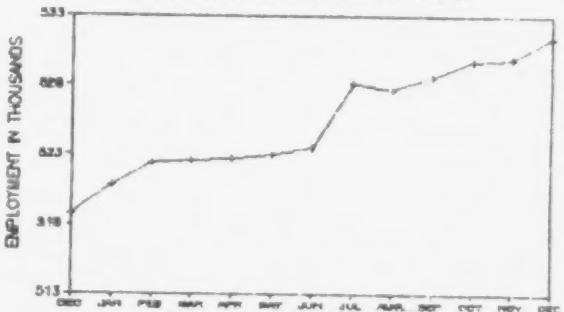

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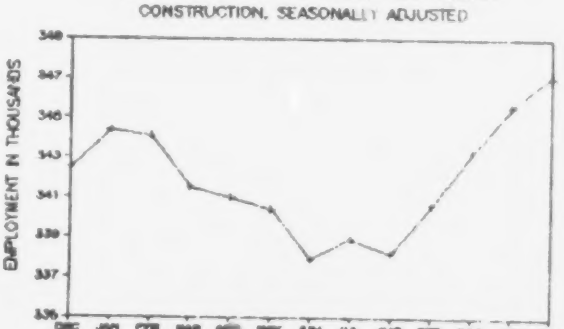

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STATEWIDE
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (IN THOUSANDS)
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
FLORIDA

Published Industry Title	December Preliminary 1987	November Final 1987	December Final 1986	Over-the-Month Change		Over-the-Year Change	
				Net	Percent	Net	Percent
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	4899.7	4884.5	4688.9	15.2	0.3	210.8	4.5
MINING (1)	9.8	9.9	9.7	-0.1	-1.0	0.1	1.0
CONSTRUCTION	347.1	345.4	342.5	1.7	0.5	4.6	1.3
MANUFACTURING	531.4	530.2	518.8	1.2	0.2	12.6	2.4
DURABLE GOODS (1)	322.5	321.3	314.8	1.2	0.4	7.7	2.4
NONDURABLE GOODS	211.0	210.5	206.3	0.5	0.2	4.7	2.3
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES (1)	255.0	254.4	250.2	0.6	0.2	4.8	1.9
TRADE	1341.4	1339.7	1267.9	1.7	0.1	73.5	5.8
WHOLESALE (1)	265.2	263.6	255.0	1.6	0.6	10.2	4.0
RETAIL	1077.4	1076.4	1014.1	1.0	*	63.3	6.2
EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	365.3	365.3	343.8	0.0	0.0	21.5	6.3
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE (1)	359.9	359.3	349.5	0.6	0.2	10.4	3.0
SERVICES	1309.2	1302.5	1244.4	6.7	0.5	64.8	5.2
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	127.1	126.5	120.3	0.6	0.5	6.8	5.7
HEALTH SERVICES (1)	340.6	338.7	326.4	1.9	0.6	14.2	4.4
TOTAL PRIVATE	4153.3	4141.4	3983.0	12.4	0.3	170.3	4.3
GOVERNMENT	745.9	743.1	705.9	2.8	0.4	40.0	5.7

* = Less than one-tenth of one percent.

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STATEWIDE
NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (IN THOUSANDS)
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
FLORIDA

PUBLISHED INDUSTRY TITLE	1986	1987												Over-the-Year Change	
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC(P)	%	NUMBER
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	4688.9	4711.6	4729.6	4737.6	4756.8	4771.8	4786.4	4819.2	4823.4	4847.1	4864.3	4884.5	4899.7	4.5	210.8
MINING (1)	9.7	9.7	9.9	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	9.9	10.0	9.9	9.9	9.8	1.0	0.1
CONSTRUCTION	342.5	344.4	344.1	341.5	341.0	340.4	337.9	338.9	338.2	340.6	343.3	345.4	347.1	1.3	4.6
MANUFACTURING	518.8	520.8	522.4	522.6	522.7	523.0	523.5	528.2	527.7	528.6	529.7	530.2	531.4	2.4	12.6
DURABLE GOODS (1)	314.8	314.3	315.9	316.3	315.8	316.5	317.5	316.8	317.7	318.2	319.8	321.3	322.5	2.4	7.7
NONDURABLE GOODS	206.3	205.8	205.7	206.0	206.7	206.6	207.2	209.5	209.0	209.6	210.5	210.5	211.0	2.3	4.7
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES (1)	250.2	247.4	246.3	247.4	248.5	249.3	249.6	249.6	250.2	250.4	252.8	254.4	255.0	1.9	4.8
TRADE	1267.9	1287.1	1290.8	1295.3	1302.3	1307.0	1311.1	1321.8	1325.5	1328.6	1334.9	1339.7	1341.4	5.8	73.5
WHOLESALE (1)	255.0	255.4	255.8	256.5	257.1	257.3	257.1	256.9	257.2	258.4	261.6	263.6	265.2	4.0	10.2
RETAIL	1014.1	1031.4	1035.1	1039.5	1045.7	1050.0	1054.3	1064.4	1067.6	1068.9	1073.0	1076.4	1077.4	6.2	63.3
EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	343.8	349.5	349.9	352.7	354.1	354.6	355.4	356.8	359.4	361.2	362.8	365.3	365.3	6.3	21.5
FINANCE, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE (1)	349.5	347.4	349.6	351.5	353.3	354.9	356.2	357.5	357.2	356.7	358.4	359.3	359.9	3.0	10.4
SERVICES	1244.4	1241.3	1251.3	1253.3	1259.4	1264.9	1273.2	1280.9	1285.8	1292.2	1297.0	1302.5	1309.2	5.2	64.8
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	120.3	117.9	118.1	118.4	119.3	121.6	122.6	123.1	124.1	126.5	127.0	126.5	127.1	5.7	6.8
HEALTH SERVICES (1)	326.4	325.0	327.7	328.9	330.6	332.3	333.7	333.2	334.1	334.3	336.0	338.7	340.6	4.4	14.2
TOTAL PRIVATE	3983.0	3998.1	4014.4	4021.6	4037.1	4049.4	4061.4	4086.8	4094.5	4107.1	4126.0	4141.4	4153.8	4.3	170.8
GOVERNMENT	705.9	713.5	715.2	716.0	719.7	722.4	725.0	732.4	728.9	740.0	738.3	743.1	745.9	5.7	40.0

(P) - Preliminary Estimate

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STATEWIDE NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

	DECEMBER 1987	NOVEMBER 1987*	DECEMBER 1986	CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH AGO NO.	CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH AGO PERCENT	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO NO.	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO PERCENT
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	4,952,900	4,902,900	4,739,300	50,000	1.0	213,600	4.5
MINING	9,800	9,900	9,700	- 100	- 1.0	100	1.0
NONMETALLIC MINERALS, EXCEPT FUELS	8,600	8,700	8,500	- 100	- 1.1	100	1.2
PHOSPHATE ROCK	4,700	4,600	4,700	100	2.2	0	.0
CONSTRUCTION	346,900	346,700	342,300	200	.1	4,600	1.3
GENERAL BUILDING CONTRACTORS	94,200	94,600	93,700	- 400	- .4	500	.5
HEAVY CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS	52,700	52,700	50,400	0	.0	2,300	4.6
SPECIAL TRADE CONTRACTORS	200,000	199,400	198,200	600	.3	1,800	.9
MANUFACTURING	535,300	532,400	522,800	2,900	.5	12,500	2.4
DURABLE GOODS	322,500	321,300	314,800	1,200	.4	7,700	2.4
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	27,900	27,900	27,000	0	.0	900	3.3
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	16,100	16,200	14,900	- 100	- .6	1,200	8.1
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	26,200	26,000	25,000	200	.8	1,200	4.8
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	5,600	5,500	5,200	100	1.8	400	7.7
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	37,300	37,200	36,400	100	.3	900	2.5
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	42,900	42,800	43,000	100	.2	- 100	- .2
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	76,200	75,900	75,200	300	.4	1,000	1.3
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	64,700	64,300	63,700	400	.6	1,000	1.6
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	16,100	16,000	15,100	100	.6	1,000	6.6
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	9,500	9,500	9,300	0	.0	200	2.2
NONDURABLE GOODS	212,800	211,100	208,000	1,700	.8	4,800	2.3
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	50,200	49,300	50,200	900	1.8	0	.0

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PRESERVED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	13,700	12,600	12,700	1,100	8.7	1,000	7.9
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	1,800	1,700	1,700	100	5.9	100	5.9
TEXTILE MILL PRODUCTS	3,100	3,100	2,600	0	.0	500	19.2
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODUCTS	31,300	31,400	31,900	- 100	- .3	- 600	- 1.9
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	14,400	14,100	14,500	300	2.1	- 100	- .7
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	65,000	64,600	61,700	400	.6	3,300	5.3
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	24,100	24,000	23,900	100	.4	200	.8
PETROLEUM PRODUCTS	2,100	2,100	2,100	0	.0	0	.0
RUBBER AND MISCELLANEOUS PLASTICS PRODUCTS	19,000	18,900	17,400	100	.5	1,600	9.2
LEATHER AND LEATHER PRODUCTS	1,800	1,900	2,000	- 100	- 5.3	- 200	-10.0
TRANSPORTATION, COMM., ELECT., GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	255,000	254,400	250,200	600	.2	4,800	1.9
TRANSPORTATION	146,600	146,300	143,700	300	.2	2,900	2.0
RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION	7,700	7,800	8,100	- 100	- 1.3	- 400	- 4.9
LOCAL AND INTERURBAN PASSENGER TRANSIT	9,500	9,400	8,600	100	1.1	900	10.5
TRUCKING AND WAREHOUSING	53,400	52,600	50,900	800	1.5	2,500	4.9
WATER TRANSPORTATION	16,500	16,500	15,500	0	.0	1,000	6.5
TRANSPORTATION BY AIR	42,000	42,500	44,000	- 500	- 1.2	- 2,000	- 4.5
COMMUNICATION	70,200	70,100	69,700	100	.1	500	.7
ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	38,200	38,000	36,800	200	.5	1,400	3.8
TRADE	1,378,600	1,348,000	1,303,100	30,600	2.3	75,500	5.8
WHOLESALE TRADE	265,200	263,600	255,000	1,600	.6	10,200	4.0
DURABLE GOODS	149,500	149,300	146,400	200	.1	3,100	2.1

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	DECEMBER 1987	NOVEMBER 1987	DECEMBER 1986	CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM: MONTH AGO NO.	MONTH AGO PERCENT	YEAR AGO NO.	YEAR AGO PERCENT
NONDURABLE GOODS	115,700	114,300	108,600	1,400	1.2	7,100	6.5
RETAIL TRADE	1,113,400	1,084,400	1,048,100	29,000	2.7	65,300	6.2
BLDG. MAT.,GARDEN SUPL., AND MOBILE HOME DEALERS	45,500	45,200	43,400	300	.7	2,100	4.8
GENERAL MERCHANDISE STORES	150,100	142,200	136,100	7,900	5.6	14,000	10.3
FOOD STORES	182,300	178,000	175,400	4,300	2.4	6,900	3.9
AUTOMOTIVE DEALERS AND SERVICE STATIONS	114,800	115,300	110,400	- 500	- .4	4,400	4.0
APPAREL AND ACCESSORY STORES	61,200	58,600	58,100	2,600	4.4	3,100	5.3
FURNITURE AND HOME FURNISHING STORES	56,300	54,300	52,200	2,000	3.7	4,100	7.9
EATING AND DRINKING PLACES	365,700	358,400	344,200	7,300	2.0	21,500	6.2
MISCELLANEOUS RETAIL STORES	137,500	132,400	128,300	5,100	3.9	9,200	7.2
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	359,900	359,300	349,500	600	.2	10,400	3.0
BANKING	74,800	74,800	73,600	0	.0	1,200	1.6
CREDIT AGENCIES OTHER THAN BANKS	66,700	66,800	64,600	- 100	- .1	2,100	3.3
INSURANCE CARRIERS	58,400	58,300	56,300	100	.2	2,100	3.7
INSURANCE AGENTS, BROKERS, AND SERVICE	34,100	34,000	32,700	100	.3	1,400	4.3
REAL ESTATE	98,100	97,500	96,200	600	.6	1,900	2.0
SERVICES	1,305,400	1,293,900	1,240,800	11,500	.9	64,600	5.2
HOTELS AND OTHER LODGING PLACES	124,600	121,200	117,900	3,400	2.8	6,700	5.7
PERSONAL SERVICES	67,200	65,900	62,800	1,300	2.0	4,400	7.0
BUSINESS SERVICES	265,000	263,700	245,600	1,300	.5	19,400	7.9
AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, SERVICES AND GARAGES	49,200	48,700	46,800	500	1.0	2,400	5.1
MISCELLANIOUS REPAIR SERVICES	20,900	20,900	19,100	0	.0	1,800	9.4

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STATEWIDE NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

	DECEMBER 1987	NOVEMBER 1987 *	DECEMBER 1986	CHANGE TO CURRENT MONTH FROM: MONTH AGO NO.	MONTH AGO PERCENT	YEAR AGO NO.	YEAR AGO PERCENT
MOTION PICTURES	7,800	7,300	7,200	500	6.8	600	8.3
AMUSEMENT AND RECREATION SERVICES	82,100	80,200	78,800	1,900	2.4	3,300	4.2
HEALTH SERVICES	340,600	338,700	326,400	1,900	.6	14,200	4.4
LEGAL SERVICES	48,300	48,000	45,900	300	.6	2,400	5.2
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	50,200	50,200	49,400	0	.0	800	1.6
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	66,400	66,200	63,700	200	.3	2,700	4.2
GOVERNMENT	762,000	758,300	720,900	3,700	.5	41,100	5.7
FEDERAL	116,400	114,900	111,900	1,500	1.3	4,500	4.0
STATE AND LOCAL	645,600	643,400	609,000	2,200	.3	36,600	6.0
STATE	161,000	160,300	149,700	700	.4	11,300	7.5
LOCAL	484,600	483,100	459,300	1,500	.3	25,300	5.5

ALL INDUSTRIES ARE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD INDUSTRIAL CLASSIFICATION MANUAL, 1972.
ALL DATA ARE ADJUSTED TO FIRST QUARTER 1986 BENCHMARK LEVELS.
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THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF LOCAL EMPLOYERS WHO FURNISH EMPLOYMENT DATA ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

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FLORIDA AND THE OTHER STATES: When comparing annual job growth rates for the nation's most populous states, Florida's rate of 4.5 percent was by far the fastest rate. Other rapidly growing large states were California (3.6 percent) and North Carolina (3.6 percent). States recording the slowest employment gains were Texas (0.7 percent) and Michigan (1.4 percent). When comparing the number of new jobs gained over the year, California was the strong leader (+413,700) followed by Florida and New York.

When comparing job growth rates for all states in the nation, percentage gains were highest in Nevada (6.5 percent), Maine (5.2 percent), Washington (4.6 percent), and then Florida and New Hampshire (both 4.5 percent). The largest percentage job declines took place in Alaska (-3.8 percent) and Wyoming (-1.3 percent).

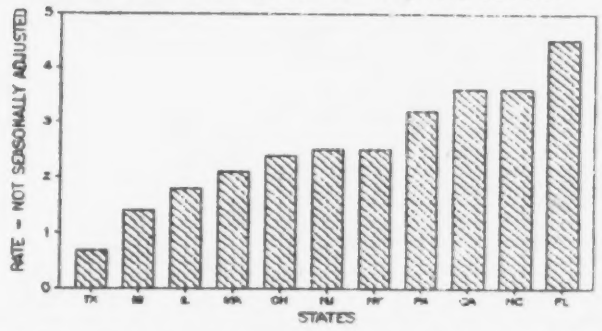
Nonagricultural employment rose by 2.0 percent or more in 29 states over the year. Employment in manufacturing and government increased over the year in almost three-fourths of the states. Virtually all states reported employment gains in services. Employment rose in about four-fifths of all the states in transportation and public utilities; trade; and finance, insurance, and real estate.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HELD STEADY: Florida's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained constant at 5.2 percent in December out of a total labor force of 5,998,000. The number of jobless Floridians stood at 312,000 and the average annual unemployment rate for 1987 was 5.3 percent. The gap between the Florida unemployment rate (5.2 percent) and the U.S. unemployment rate (5.8 percent) was 0.6 percentage points.

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT RATE: The U.S. labor market showed strength throughout most of 1987, and the December figures continued that pattern. The national unemployment rate of 5.8 percent was down nearly a full percentage point from a year earlier and was at its lowest point since mid-1979. The jobless rate for adult men declined by 1.1 percentage points over the year (due to manufacturing job gains). This decline was nearly double that for women. The unemployment rate for teenagers at 16.1 percent showed little improvement from a year earlier. Particularly high unemployment continued to be concentrated in central cities due to the far worse experience of black teenagers in finding jobs than that of white teenagers.

FLORIDA'S RANK: Florida's unemployment rate (5.2 percent) was fifth lowest of the rates of the nation's most populous states. Large states with lower unemployment rates than Florida were Massachusetts (2.9 percent), New Jersey (3.9 percent), New York (4.5 percent) and North Carolina (4.6 percent). It should be noted here that these states with lower unemployment have also had lower job creation rates than the State of Florida. The highest unemployment rate was recorded for Michigan at 8.8 percent.

NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT GROWTH RATES
ELEVEN LARGEST STATES, DECEMBER 1986–DECEMBER 1987



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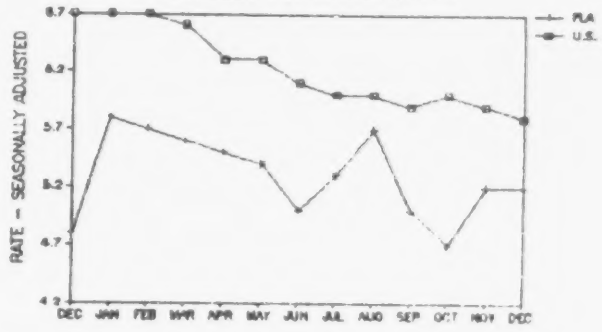
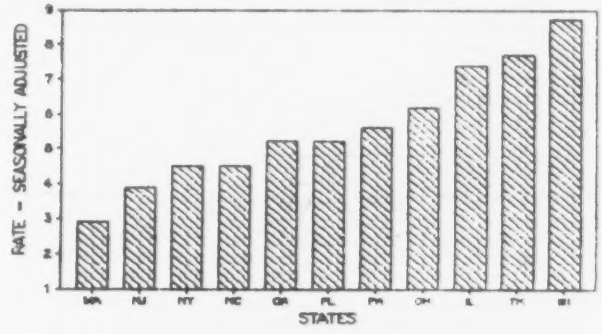
FLORIDA VS NATION
DECEMBER 1986–DECEMBER 1987



UNEMPLOYMENT RATES – 11 LARGEST STATES
DECEMBER 1986–DECEMBER 1987



Unemployment Rates* Seasonally Adjusted
Eleven Most Populous States, December 1987

State	Rate	State	Rate
Massachusetts	2.9	Pennsylvania	5.7
New Jersey	3.9	Ohio	6.1
New York	4.5	Illinois	7.5
North Carolina	4.6	Texas	7.5
California	5.2	Michigan	8.8
Florida	5.2		

* Ranked in magnitude from lowest to highest.

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

State of Florida	December 1987	November 1987	December 1986	Over-The-Year	
				Numerical Change	Percent Change
Civilian Labor Force	5,998,000	5,946,000	5,726,000	272,000	4.8
Employment	5,686,000	5,637,000	5,449,000	237,000	4.3
Unemployment	312,000	309,000	277,000	35,000	12.6
Unemployment Rate	5.2	5.2	4.8	0.4	---
Nation					
Unemployment Rate	5.8	5.9	6.7	- 0.9	---

Source: U.S Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

LABOR FORCE SUMMARY
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

State of Florida	December 1987	November 1987	December 1986	Over-The-Year	
				Numerical Change	Percent Change
Civilian Labor Force	5,997,700	5,928,900	5,721,600	276,100	4.8
Employment	5,700,600	5,626,300	5,457,600	243,000	4.5
Unemployment	297,100	302,600	264,000	33,100	12.5
Unemployment Rate	5.0	5.1	4.6	0.4	---
Nation					
Unemployment Rate	5.4	5.6	6.3	- 0.9	---

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

Annual Averages
Labor Force Statistics
Florida 1970-1985

	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate (%)
1970	2,672.0	2,557.0	115.0	4.3
1971	2,792.0	2,655.0	136.0	4.9
1972	2,907.0	2,762.0	144.0	5.1
1973	3,169.0	3,033.0	136.0	4.3
1974	3,413.0	3,199.0	214.0	6.2
1975	3,554.0	3,175.0	378.0	10.7
1976	3,605.0	3,280.0	326.0	9.0
1977	3,717.0	3,411.0	305.0	8.2
1978	3,946.0	3,684.0	262.0	6.6
1979	4,132.0	3,884.0	248.0	6.0
1980	4,271.0	4,020.0	251.0	5.9
1981	4,519.0	4,211.0	308.0	6.8
1982	4,751.0	4,363.0	388.0	8.2
1983	4,936.0	4,512.0	424.0	8.6
1984	5,139.0	4,814.0	325.0	6.3
1985	5,343.0	5,023.0	320.0	6.0
1986	5,585.0	5,265.0	320.0	5.7
1987	5,870.0	5,558.0	312.0	5.3

(in thousands)

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey, February 1988.

FLORIDA ECONOMIC INDICATORS

December 1987

Seasonally Adjusted - Statewide	Current Month	Month Ago	Year Ago	Percent Change Month	Percent Change Year
INITIAL UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION CLAIMS/1					
Total Initial Claims	29,907	27,914	31,217	7.14	- 4.20
Interstate Initial Claims	3,409	3,270	3,997	4.25	- 14.71
Intrastate Initial Claims	26,498	24,644	27,220	7.52	- 2.65
INDUSTRY INTRASTATE INITIAL CLAIMS/1					
Services	8,772	7,816	8,284	12.23	5.89
Trade	4,248	4,074	4,258	4.27	- 0.25
Construction	4,037	5,984	5,089	1.33	- 20.67
Manufacturing	4,093	5,841	4,882	6.56	- 16.16
Mining, Government, Agriculture	2,490	2,419	2,952	2.94	- 15.65
Transportation, Communications, Public Utilities	1,205	778	901	54.88	33.44
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	1,088	977	738	11.36	47.43
Information Not Available	565	755	114	- 25.17	395.61
CONTINUED CLAIMS/1					
Total Weeks Claimed	215,838	213,490	246,086	1.10	- 12.29
Interstate Weeks Claimed	30,425	27,247	33,269	11.66	- 8.55
Intrastate Weeks Claimed	185,413	186,244	212,818	- 0.45	- 12.88
ECONOMIC/2					
Housing Starts (At Annual Rates)	163,774	162,295	179,078	0.91	- 8.55
Construction Expenditures (Thousands)	1,580,410	1,562,559	1,478,369	1.14	6.90
Average Hours Worked Manufacturing	41	41	41	0.00	0.00
Taxable Sales (Thousands)	11,251,000	10,939,599	9,265,319	2.85	21.46
Not Seasonally Adjusted - Statewide	* Data are based on program year which began July 1, 1986.				
JOB SERVICES/3					
Active File (end of month)	152,038	160,717	193,192	- 5.4	- 21.3
New Applications (month)	35,139	36,681	38,356	- 4.2	- 8.4
Applicants Receiving Service (07-01-87 to date)	229,886	199,863	280,018*	15.0	- 17.9
Nonfarm Openings Received (month)	34,214	30,148	36,988	13.5	- 7.5
Nonfarm Openings Unfilled (end of month)	40,228	44,692	31,328	- 10.0	28.4
Placement Transactions (month)	16,191	14,357	22,010	12.8	- 26.4
Individuals Placed (07-01-87 to date)	75,475	62,962	105,937*	19.8	- 28.8
Nonfarm (07-01-87 to date)	67,995	57,191	94,670*	18.9	- 28.2
Job Openings Filled (07-01-87 to date)	90,645	74,716	127,860*	21.3	- 28.9
Eligible Claimants Placed (07-01-87 to date)	10,613	8,938	15,484*	18.1	- 31.5

Sources:

1/ Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security, Division of Unemployment Compensation; Compiled and Seasonally Adjusted by the Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Planning and Budgeting, Revenue and Economic Analysis.

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3/ Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security, Division of Labor, Employment and Training.

Definitions: Initial Claim - Any notice of unemployment filed (1) to request a determination of entitlement to and eligibility for compensation (new claim) or (2) to begin a second or subsequent period of unemployment within a benefit year (additional claim).

Intrastate Claim - A claim filed in the same state in which the individual's wage credits were earned.

Interstate Claim - A claim filed in one state (agent) based on monetary entitlement to compensation in another state (liable).

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STATEWIDE	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	DECEMBER 1987	NOVEMBER 1987 *	DECEMBER 1986	DECEMBER 1987	NOVEMBER 1987 *	DECEMBER 1986	DECEMBER 1987	NOVEMBER 1987 *	DECEMBER 1986
NONMETALLIC MINERALS, EXCEPT FUELS	439.45	428.74	405.92	46.9	46.2	43.6	9.37	9.28	9.31
PHOSPHATE ROCK	476.03	457.49	436.48	44.2	43.2	41.1	10.77	10.59	10.62
MANUFACTURING	341.14	338.66	342.27	41.4	41.0	42.1	8.24	8.26	8.13
DURABLE GOODS	341.52	343.62	349.68	41.7	41.6	42.8	8.19	8.26	8.17
LUMBER AND WOOD PRODUCTS	282.58	280.19	282.27	40.6	40.2	39.7	6.96	6.97	7.11
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES	273.21	264.31	260.62	40.9	40.6	41.9	6.68	6.51	6.22
STONE, CLAY, AND GLASS PRODUCTS	388.52	397.36	408.15	44.1	44.2	45.3	8.81	8.99	9.01
PRIMARY METAL INDUSTRIES	419.46	393.88	381.89	45.2	43.0	41.6	9.28	9.16	9.18
FABRICATED METAL PRODUCTS	310.42	313.05	320.14	41.5	41.3	42.8	7.48	7.58	7.48
MACHINERY, EXCEPT ELECTRICAL	410.85	393.16	376.28	45.0	43.3	43.5	9.13	9.08	8.65
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT	342.38	349.02	366.68	41.5	42.0	44.5	8.25	8.31	8.24
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT	389.63	398.05	406.69	41.1	40.7	42.1	9.48	9.78	9.66
INSTRUMENTS AND RELATED PRODUCTS	301.20	322.39	315.88	40.0	42.7	41.4	7.53	7.55	7.63
MISCELLANEOUS MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES	249.51	252.65	268.55	35.9	36.3	41.0	6.95	6.96	6.55
NONDURABLE GOODS	341.54	333.28	333.70	41.1	40.3	41.3	8.31	8.27	8.03
FOOD AND KINDRED PRODUCTS	322.90	302.74	316.05	43.4	40.8	43.0	7.44	7.42	7.35
PRESERVED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES	303.58	264.50	312.81	42.4	38.5	45.8	7.16	6.87	6.83
TOBACCO MANUFACTURES	260.11	260.11	264.16	37.0	37.0	37.9	7.03	7.03	6.97
APPAREL AND OTHER TEXTILE PRODUCTS	201.67	196.92	183.68	36.6	36.0	36.3	5.51	5.47	5.06
PAPER AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	545.90	564.11	577.80	44.6	45.9	49.3	12.24	12.29	11.72
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING	364.10	359.81	363.53	38.9	38.4	39.3	9.36	9.37	9.25
CHEMICALS AND ALLIED PRODUCTS	476.96	462.44	472.24	44.0	42.7	44.3	10.84	10.83	10.66
RUBBER AND MISCELLANEOUS PLASTICS PRODUCTS	309.72	291.68	285.24	43.5	43.6	42.7	7.12	6.69	6.68
COMMUNICATION	498.94	538.38	517.92	40.4	41.8	41.6	12.35	12.88	12.45
ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	549.63	580.11	530.43	43.9	44.9	43.3	12.52	12.92	12.25
BANKING	259.84	258.70	250.34	38.1	38.1	39.8	6.82	6.79	6.29

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